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On April 30th the Auckland Botanical Society had a very pleasant Annual General Meeting. The reading of the report and balance sheet was followed by the election of officers. Our popular treasurer, Mr. Butler, was elected to the office of President. Mr. Butler has served the Society faithfully and well for many years and we all hope that his term of office will be a happy one, and take this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to him. The disadvantage about Mr. Butler as President is that he cannot also hold the position of treasurer. This difficulty has, however, been satisfactorily dealt with, since Mr. V.E.D. Thomson has kindly accepted the position. This is very pleasing, since Mr. Thomson is a fully qualified accountant, so the Society's finances are in expert hands. Mrs. Coyle has kindly agreed to continue as secretary and we are very glad to be able to welcome her to a second term of office.

Dr. Nelson, our retiring President, we are very glad to have with us as vice-president. We are happy too, that Mrs. Hynes is again vice-president since in that office she shows the same enthusiasm she did when secretary, so we can continue to avail ourselves of her energy and experience. We are also glad to have as vice-president, Mr. Farnell, whose knowledge of trees and shrubs, native and introduced is so well known to members.

We welcome Mr. Coyle and Mr. Holt again to the committee, and are most grateful that Mrs. Millener, in spite of the many extra calls on her time due to her husband's absence overseas, has agreed to serve again. This is a good thing for as one member remarked at the meeting "We can't do without you". We are fortunate also in having Dr. Rattenbury on the committee.

We conclude by wishing the officers of our Society a fruitful and happy year.

Following the business part of the meeting, the members were entertained by an exhibition of colour slides taken by Mr. Coyle during the Society's summer trip to Mt. Egmont. It was pleasant to see our members reproduced "in glorious technicolor", and both the botanical and human interest of Mr. Coyle's slides were much appreciated. Thereafter we happily repaired to supper.